

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) Sandwich A sandwich insert having comprising an inner ceramic sliding cup which is surrounded by a ~~plasties~~ plastic cover for insertion into an outer metal shell of an artificial hip joint, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sliding cup has a stud at its outer end that is remote from the opening, wherein a cross section of the stud forms a shape selected from the group consisting of a) an n-sided body, wherein n is 2, 4, 5 or 6, b) a polygon and c) an oval.

14. (Currently Amended) Sandwich The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud is arranged on the central axis of the sliding cup.

15. (Currently Amended) Sandwich The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud has an axial length of 1 - 8 mm, ~~preferably approximately 2 mm.~~

16. (Currently Amended) Sandwich the sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud is arranged in the ~~plasties~~ cover by means of a snap-fit connection.

17. (Currently Amended) Sandwich The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud projects into the ~~plasties~~ cover or projects completely through it.

18. (Currently Amended) Sandwich The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud is surrounded at least in part by the ~~plasties~~ cover.

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Sandwich~~ The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the sliding cup is of a spherical or a stepped structural form on its outside.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Sandwich~~ The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the plastics cover embraces the sliding cup at its open end.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~Sandwich~~ The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the sliding cup is pressed into the plastics cover.

25. (New) The sandwich insert according to claim 13, wherein the stud has an axial length of approximately 2 mm.

26. (New) The sandwich insert of claim 13, wherein a cross section of the stud is an n-sided body, wherein n is 2, 4, 5.

27. (New) The sandwich insert of claim 13, wherein a cross section of the stud is polygonal.

28. (New) The sandwich insert of claim 13, wherein a cross section of the stud is oval.